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1. FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY AND DR. ALFONS GOPPEL, MINISTER PRESIDENT OF BAVARIA (GOVERNOR), AT THE BAVARIAN STATE CHANCELLERY IN MUNICH ON SUNDAY, JULY 7 AT 1010: THE SECRETARY AND GOPPEL SPOKE IN GERMAN:

2. GOPPEL: QUOTE

HONOURED MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, EXCELLENCIES, MY HONORED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I AM PERMITTED TO WELCOME YOU HEARTILY IN BAVARIA, HERE IN THE BAVARIAN STATE CHANCELLERY, ON BEHALF OF THE POPULATION AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

I KNOW YOU ARE NOT HERE TO MAKE BAVARIAN-AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY BUT TO ATTEND THE WORLD SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP. AND THEREFORE THIS AFTERNOON WE ALSO WISH YOU -- IN REMEMBRANCE OF SOCCER YEARS IN FUERTH AND IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE COMPETITION BETWEEN NUREMBERG AND FUERTH, THE TWO GREAT TEAMS OF YOUR
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YOUTH -- A AGRAT, PLEASANT -- ESPECIALLY A FAIR --

SPORT EVENT.

IN THE MEANTIME YOU HAVE HAD SO MANY OTHER IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS THAT WE ONLY WOULD LIKE ALSO TO WISH THAT YOU BE PROTECTED BY A GRACIOUS FATE SO THAT A SETTLEMENT CAN BE REACHED IN ANY CONTROVERSY. FROM HERE WE WILL STATE THAT WE WISH YOU, AND THIS ALSO MEANS US, A HEARTY VICTORY.

WE KNOW THAT WE NEED MOST OF ALL OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS HERE -- WHERE WE HAVE THE BORDER TO THE EAST. AND WE ALSO FEEL HAPPY THAT WE HAVE SUCH A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN TROOPS STATIONED HERE TO SECURE OUR BORDERS, AND THAT WE SETTLE EVERYTHING THAT BOTHERS US IN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP. THEREFORE WE ALSO EXPECT FROM YOUR VISIT A STRENGTHENING OF THIS FRIENDSHIP WHICH OF COURSE FIRST OF ALL SERVES OUR SECURITY BUT -- AND WE BELIEVE WE MAY SAY SO -- SERVES ALSO THE AMERICANS. AND THEREFORE, WE ARE, IN MY OPINION, IDEAL ALLIES.

MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, MAY I ASK YOU TO SIGN OUR GUEST BOOK. I HAVE SELECTED A MAP FROM BAVARIA (FOR PRESENTATION) ON WHICH FUERTH IS ENGRAVED AS A SMALL VILLAGE. BUT IT IS ALREADY SHOWN THERE.

AGAIN A HEARTY WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISIT. UNQUOTE

3. THE SECRETARY: QUOTE:

MR. MINISTER PRESIDENT, I THANK YOU FOR THIS RECEPTION, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT ESPECIALLY FOR ME IN THE CAPITAL OF THIS STATE WITH WHICH MY YOUTH WAS CONNECTED. I REALIZED THAT THE PRIORITIES OF THIS COUNTRY ARE STILL THE SAME -- BECAUSE ONE OF THE OFFICERS HERE TOLD ME THAT HE APPRECIATED THAT I ATTENDED A VERY HEARTY DINNER YESTERDAY -- GIVEN TO ME BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER -- SINCE MY PRESENCE WOULD GUARANTEE THAT AT LEAST TWO BAVARIANS WOULD BE PRESENT. (LAUGHTER)

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MR. MINISTER PRESIDENT, I REGRET THAT YOU HAVE SAID IN FRONT OF THE TV CAMERAS THAT I AM HERE BECAUSE OF THE SOCCER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. BECAUSE ALL MY COLLEAGUES IN AMERICA ARE OF THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT WE ARE HAVING VERY SINCERE, DEEP TALKS HERE, WHICH OUT OF COURTESY I WILL CARRY OUT ANYWHERE WHERE THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER IS. BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GAME THIS AFTERNOON AND ALTHOUGH I, AS THE

AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, HAVE TO BE NEUTRAL, I SHOULD BE PERMITTED IN THIS ROOM TO WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. I HAVE HAD ALREADY VERY CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I WILL SEE THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR SOON. WE MEET AS ALLIES AND WE TALK AS PERSONAL FRIENDS.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES IS A CLOSE PARTNERSHIP, WHICH WE ALWAYS WILL DEEPEN AND IN WHICH THERE WILL TAKE PLACE THE CLOSEST CONSULTATION AND A CONTINUING DIALOGUE. WE DEFEND THE SAME VALUES AND WE STAND FOR THE SAME INTERESTS -- AND THEREFORE WE NEVER FEEL WE ARE HERE AS FOREIGNERS -- FOR MANY REASONS. BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THOSE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ARE CLOSELY BOUND.

MR. MINISTER PRESIDENT, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECEPTION AND THE PLEASANT DAYS WHICH I AM ABLE TO SPEND HERE. UNQUOTE
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